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Princess Catherine Radziwill exposes Rasputin as a charlatan and pawn of Germany in this two-part analysis. Part one discusses the social and religious climate in Russia before WWI and analyzes the particular cultural situation that allowed Rasputin to gain influence. She debunks claims of Rasputin's extraordinary influence in the Russian government, characterizing him instead as a hedonistic, illiterate peasant who was manipulated into furthering Germany's cause during the war. Firsthand accounts from Radziwill herself and others give an unprecedented look into Rasputin's life up to his assassination.

Part two discusses the monarchy and reasons for its collapse. Refuting the common belief that Rasputin brought down the monarchy, Radziwill primarily lays the blame on Alexandra Feodorovna, whom she characterizes as ignorant, spoiled, and self-centered. Radziwill traces a fascinating path from Nicholas II's coronation to the eventual disaster that befell his dynasty, with a full discussion of the political implications, at home and abroad. Lastly, the conclusion was written a year after the initial publication of the book and discusses the early stages of the Bolshevik Revolution. (Summary by Tatiana Chichilla)

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